

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, and 16 are presently active, claims 2-10, 12-15, 17, and 18 having been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Office Action dated 5 May 2004 ("Office Action"), the drawings were objected to; claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mahoney, US patent 6,360,369 ("Mahoney"); claims 4-11 and 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Mahoney; and claims 2, 12, and 18 were objected to but conditionally allowed if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 2, 12, and 18. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of claim 2, claim 11 is amended to include the limitation of claim 12, and claim 16 is amended to include the limitation of claim 18. Applicants note that in amending claim 1, the original limitation of claim 2 is modified to correct an informality so that "multipliers" is now changed to "the at least one multiplier". This effectively rewrites claims 2, 12, and 18 as suggested in the Office Action so that claims 1, 11, and 16 are now expected to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 2-10, 12-15, 17, and 18 are cancelled by this Amendment.

The drawings are corrected as discussed previously in this correspondence. This necessitated a correction to the specification starting at line 4, page 5.

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